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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the following documents:

U.S. Patents

Knee et al. U.S. Patent 5,589,892 (12/31/96)

Foreign Patent Documents

WO 00/28734 (5/18/00) WO 00/05889 (2/3/00) WO 99/13641 (3/18/99) WO 98/26584 (6/18/98) EP 0 854 645 A2 (5/1/98) EP 0 721 253 A2 (10/7/96)

Other Documents

Rath, K., et al., "Set-Top Box Control Software: A Key Component in Digital Video," Phillips Journal of Research, Vol. 50, No. 1/2, pp. 185-199 (1996).

These documents are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 and copies are enclosed herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the documents be

(1) fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during
the examination of this application; and (2) printed on any
patent which may issue on this application. Applicant requests
that a copy of Form PTO-1449, as considered and initialed by the
Examiner, be returned with the next communication.

Applicants also wish to bring to Examiner's attention to U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/145,232, filed September 1, 1988, U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/346,134, filed July 16, 1999, and U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/356,268, filed July 16, 1999.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this patent application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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